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Philip H. White, D.C.
Chairman, Board of Chiropractic Examiners
350 State Street
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Dear Doctor White:

This will acknowledge your letter of May 19, 1958, in which you request our opinion on the two questions, namely, whether the Board of Chiropractic Examiners have power to regulate fees charged by chiropractors, and particularly, to set minimum fees for such services, and, secondly, whether an individual practitioner may render services without charging in a given case if he desires. As you indicate in your letter, we discussed these matters in this office last May 8th.

Please be advised that the Board of Chiropractic Examiners has no power to regulate in any way the fees charged by chiropractors. There is no provision in the laws for such authority and your powers of regulation, as set forth in RSA 316, are not broad enough to authorize you to do so by regulation.

There is nothing in our laws which prohibits an individual practitioner of chiropractic from rendering his services without charge if he wishes, and, accordingly, he is free to do so.

Sincerely yours,

John J. Zimmerman
Assistant Attorney General

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